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Chair Ravel and Commissioners Eskovitz,
Garrett, Montgomery, and Rotunda
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 600
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Agenda Item 17: AB 1881 (Donnelly) – Filing of Independent Expenditures – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Ravel and Commissioners,

On behalf of California Common Cause and our 400,000 national members, we urge you to oppose Assembly Bill 1881.

AB 1881 will allow non-candidate committees to refrain from disclosing the name and city of a donor who made a contribution of less than \$5,000 on their publicly accessible campaign statements.

Unfortunately, AB 1881 will decrease the current disclosure requirements in our elections and disable decades of voter-approved transparency. We believe disclosure requirements are necessary to properly educate voters about who is funding election campaigns. Voters commonly consider the source of campaign funds as well as the policy implications when casting their vote.

California Common Cause believes campaign disclosures need to give *more* information to voters, not less. This bill is the wrong prescription for California's campaign finance system. For these reasons, we urge you to adhere to the staff's recommendation and oppose this bill.

Please contact me at pung@commoncause.org or (916) 520-4070 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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